NHS and ambulance

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Paramedics, Emergency Care Assistants, call handlers and other staff are now set to walk out in the following trusts:

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South West Ambulance Service

South East Coast Ambulance Service

North West Ambulance Service

South Central Ambulance Service

North East Ambulance Service

East Midlands Ambulance Service

West Midlands Ambulance Service

Welsh Ambulance Service

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Workers across the ambulance services and some NHS Trusts have voted to strike over the Government's imposed 4 per cent pay award - another massive real terms pay cut.

GMB will now meet with reps in the coming days to discuss potential strike dates before Christmas.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Secretary, said:

"Ambulance workers – like other NHS workers – are on their knees.

"Demoralised and downtrodden, they've faced twelve years Conservative cuts to the service and their pay packets, fought on the frontline of a global pandemic and now face the worst cost of living crisis in a generation.

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"This is as much about unsafe staffing levels and patient safety as it is about pay. A third of GMB ambulance workers think delays they've been involved with have led to the death of a patient.

"Something has to change or the service as we know it will collapse.

"GMB calls on the Government to avoid a Winter of NHS strikes by negotiating a pay award that these workers deserve."

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